

CLAIMS

1 (amended). An accessory rack for supporting small boats on a transporting vehicle having available front and rear platform sites comprising:

a front assembly and a rear assembly, each said assembly including a bottom base member connectable to a said platform site, an upright post having a top end and a bottom end and a boat-receiving cross member connected at a central location thereof to the top of the post;

an elongated upper beam member connected to each of said cross members at said [a] central location thereof.

2 (original). The accessory rack as defined in claim 1 wherein each of said posts and said members are made of rectangular metal tubing.

3 (original). The accessory rack as defined in claim 2 wherein each of said boat receiving members has an upturned arm at each end.

4 (original). The accessory rack as defined in claim 3 wherein each of said vertical posts includes overlapping tubing of different sizes and a series of vertically spaced-apart holes defined therein enabling connecting bolts to be inserted at different heights.

5 (original). The accessory rack as defined in claim 4 wherein said transporting vehicle is an ATV.

6 (original). The accessory rack as defined in claim 5 wherein said bottom base member is connected to said platform with U-bolts.

7 (cancelled).

8 (original). An accessory rack for supporting a small boat on an ATV having front and rear platforms comprised of metal support members, said rack having a first upright post mounted on said front platform and a second upright post mounted on said rear platform, each said post having a bottom end connected to a base member on a said platform and a top end connected to a middle portion of one of a pair of boat-receiving horizontal cross members;

an elongated upper beam having one end connected to a middle portion of said first horizontal cross member and a second end connected to a middle portion of the second horizontal member;

said upright posts each having a pair of overlapping rectangular metal tubes connected by at least one bolt engaging a selected pair of holes defined in the overlapped tubes whereby length of the poles may be adjusted.